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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2009. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the rejections of the outstanding Office Action, and request allowance of all the claims pending herein. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period is set in the Office Action to expire on April 23, 2009, this response is being filed in a timely manner and no additional fee or extension of time is deemed necessary. Should any extension of time or fees be required to maintain pendency of the application, however, the same is hereby requested and authorization is hereby provided to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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